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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 9, 2001, and further to numerous telephonic interviews and a proposed Amendment forwarded via facsimile on July 10, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) A stencil printer comprising an ink supply pump in the form of a diaphragm pump, wherein a drive assembly is adapted to operate between a first and a second point such that a stress applied to a diaphragm is limited to less than 75% of the elastic limit of the diaphragm.

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 are pending. By this Amendment, claim 1 is amended. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.